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1. Observers in Rumania have few comments to make on the recent shifts in the Party and Government other than that Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej and Iosif Chisinevski are still the number one and number two men respectively in Rumania. Chivu Steica, newly appointed Premier, is considered to be a nonentity. The shift is viewed as a measure to strengthen the Party.
2. The Rumanian people attach no significance to the recent shifts. They were disappointed that members of other parties had not been admitted to the Government and rumors that this might happen have now ceased. However, there are rumors that a new Liberal newspaper will soon be permitted to be printed.
3. Chivu Steica, regarded by the Rumanian people as being a strong and liberal individual, is said to be well liked. Gheorghiu-Dej, on the other hand, has lost some of his popularity, especially with the workers who feel that he has done nothing for them.

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